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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER CRITICIZES FOREIGN CONCERN FOR DEMOCRACY IN
INDIA

1. PRIME MINISTER GANDHI CRITICIZED "SOME FOREIGN COUNTRIES"
FOR THEIR UNDUE CONCERN OVER DEMOCRACY IN INDIA. SPEAKING TO
A PUBLIC RALLY IN HYDERABAD ON NOVEMBER 17, ACCORDING TO THE
PRESS REPORTS THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THOSE COUNTRIES
WHICH WERE NOW TRYING TO PREACH DEMOCRACY TO INDIA ASSISTED IN
OVERTHROWING DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES,
INCLUDING THE SUB-CONTINENT, BY EXTENDING MORAL AND MILITARY
SUPPORT TO SUBVERSION. SHE ASSERTED THAT INDIA WOULD NEVER BE
SUBJUGATED BY ANY FOREIGN INFLUENCE. SHE ASKED, "WHERE WERE
THESE FOREIGN POWERS WHEN THERE WERE NO POLITICAL DETAINEES OR
CENSORSHIP, AND WHEN THE BORDERS OF INDIA WERE VIOLATED IN
1965 AND 1971?" WHAT WERE THEY DOING WHEN DEMOCRACY WAS BEING
"MURDERED" IN GUJARAT AND BIHAR.
(THIS SENTENCE IS CARRIED ONLY IN THE "INDIAN EXPRESS".)

2. THE PRIME MINISTER WENT ON TO SAY INDIA WANTED FRIENDSHIP
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WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, BUT CAUTIONED THAT SUCH COUNTRIES COULD

NOT INFLUENCE INDIAN OPINION. SHE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH INDIA
WANTED TO ADOPT TECHNICAL ADVANCEMENT AND SCIENTIFIC
KNOWLEDGE FROM ABROAD, IT WOULD NOT PERMIT ITS CULTURE TO BE
OVERSHADOWED BY ANY OTHER COUNTRY.

3. COMMENT: ALL PAPERS CARRY ESSENTIALLY THE SAME COMMENTS,
WITH NO FURTHER VERBATIM QUOTATIONS THAN THOSE ABOVE.
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